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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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1. At 7:30 a.m. on 25 September 1950 four jet planes practiced formation flying at the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield. There was night flying with jet fighters from 10 to 11 p.m. when it began to rain.
2. Five jet fighters were seen in the air and 25 jet fighters, ready to take off, were standing on the field at 8 a.m. on 27 September 1950. (1) The jet fighters were towed into the hangars between 5:15 and 5:40 p.m.
3. There was some formation flying with four jet fighters in each formation between 7:30 a.m. and noon on 28 September 1950. The sky was partly cloudy. Jet fighters made individual flights between 6 and 9 p.m.
4. Nine jet planes and six or seven single-engine aircraft were seen at the field between 2:20 and 4 p.m. on 20 September 1950. (1) Single-engine aircraft repeatedly took off for local flights in a high cloud base and poor visibility.
5. A fuel dump with many containers of a 200 liter capacity was on the northern edge of the field. (2) A destroyed building was near km stone 3.3, 100 meters east of the road leading from Badewitz (M 53/E 08) to the Zerbst-Wiesenburg (M 53/Z 20) highway. A radio truck and a mast 7 to 8 meters high with a red lamp at the top were at the side of the destroyed building. (3)
6. Six jet planes with a metal sheen, four unidentified aircraft brightly painted, and one green single-engine plane, presumably on a compass rose, were seen at the field between 4 and 5:45 p.m. on 3 October 1950. There was no flying although the weather was good. Wrecks of 11 to 13 single-engine aircraft were beside the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field. (4)
7. A single-engine plane with navigation lights was seen over the field at 6:25 p.m. on 3 October 1950. Shortly afterwards a revolving searchlight was put in operation at the field.

Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the field by jet planes of MIG-15 type was previously reported. Two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed in Zerbst. The third regiment of the fighter division is stationed in Brandenburg. The

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two regiments in Zerbst are apparently no longer equipped with conventional fighters. The single-engine planes are believed to be Yak-11s.

- (2) The fuel dump is reported for the first time. The capacity of the stationary fuel dump at the field is not known. The fuel dump of drums on the northern edge of the field was possibly set up for maneuvers.
- (3) The radio mast, which is exactly in the extension of the runway, is possibly a homing beacon.
- (4) The presence of an AA gun emplacement has been repeatedly reported. See

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